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Overview

- MTO is developing Freight-Supportive Guidelines that will provide tools to support efficient goods movement in municipalities across Ontario.

- Guidelines will be released winter 2014

- Guidelines are intended to:
  - assist municipalities, planners, developers and other practitioners with creating freight-supportive communities
  - complement and support implementation of the existing provincial policy framework
Context

- Guidelines are being developed to support recent provincial initiatives aimed at managing growth, curbing urban sprawl and supporting goods movement.

- Guidelines link to and support:
  - Review of Provincial Policy Statement (Planning Act)
  - Growth Plan for the Greater Golden Horseshoe
  - Growth Plan for Northern Ontario
  - Proposed Multimodal Goods Movement Framework for Ontario
  - Cycling Strategy
  - MTO’s Sustainability Strategy
  - Municipal Official Plan updates

Key Milestones

- Fall 2011 – Early consultation with stakeholders
- March 2012 – Internal and external working groups met
- March-June 2012 – Draft Guidelines reviewed by working groups
- Summer-Fall 2012 – Guidelines revised based on working group comments and recommendations
- Summer 2013 – Draft Guidelines posted on EBR (90 days)
- Fall 2013 – Synthesizing comments
Stakeholder Working Group

- A stakeholder working group was established in early 2012 to help inform content of the Guidelines.
- The working group met three times over the spring and summer of 2012, and draft Guidelines were circulated to members for review and comment.
- Working group members included:
  - Municipalities
  - Industry experts
  - Academia
  - Associations
  - Agencies

Region of Peel
City of Brampton
City of Mississauga
Canadian Courier & Logistics Association
Supply Chain and Logistics Association of Canada
Greater Toronto Airports Authority
Ontario Trucking Association
Canadian National Railway
Canadian Pacific Railway
Town of Caledon
Purpose of the Guidelines

To assist in improving the movement of goods and the creation of safe, efficient and sustainable freight-supportive communities by:

- providing direction to municipalities for land use planning, site design practices and operational procedures to help with the movement of freight
- assisting municipalities in planning for the types of vehicles used in freight movement
- supporting the overall economic health and competitiveness of Ontario’s municipalities
- integrating and balancing surrounding land uses and the needs of those using the transportation network
How to Use the Guidelines

- Intended to be used by municipal planners and civil engineers when updating or reviewing planning policy documents, reviewing development applications, or transportation plans.

- Helpful guide for developers, operators and others to provide ideas and guidance on appropriate design and planning for freight movement.

- Applicable to new development and redevelopment of existing areas.

- Represent advice to be used at the discretion of municipalities and do not represent formal statements of provincial policy.
Content – Chapters in the Guidelines

1. Introduction
2. Land Use and Transportation Planning Guidelines
3. Site Design Guidelines
4. Road Design and Operations Guidelines
5. Implementation Strategies
6. Case Studies
7. References
8. Glossary
Content – Land Use and Transportation Planning Guidelines

Address how municipalities can become more freight-supportive through planning processes and balance the needs of freight movement with other municipal objectives.

Elements addressed:
- Protecting Employment Areas and Freight Facilities
- Planning for the Freight Movement Network
- Improved Integration of Transportation and Land Use Planning

Freight Audit – Planning and economic development tool to assist municipalities, planner and engineers in making informed decisions to enable the safe and efficient movement of freight.
Content – Site Design Guidelines

Define a range of strategies that are common to most types of sites, and provide more detailed strategies for specific land uses.

Land uses addressed:
- Industrial
- Office
- Retail
- Residential
- Institutional
- Existing and New Urban Areas
- Rural Sites
Content – Road Design and Operations Guidelines

Intended to help transportation planners and engineers incorporate freight movement into the design and operation of transportation infrastructure in their municipality.

Guidelines provided for:
- Access and Intersections
- Corridors
- Freight gateways
Content – Implementation Strategies

Overview of tools and actions that can be used to implement the guidelines and strategies.

Examples include:

- Community Improvement Plans
- Site Plan Control
- Integration of Transportation Investments and Land Use Planning

Site Plan Control – development control tool provided under the Planning Act. Addresses the layout and configuration of development lands, and building siting and massing. Site plan review can be used to evaluate freight-supportive elements such as site access/egress, parking, and loading zones.
Regional Municipality of Peel – Freight Audit

- Goods Movement Study – Strategic Overview (2004) developed to evaluate state of freight industry and infrastructure within the Region and identify strategic options to improve goods movement in the Region. Key recommendations:
  - Developing partnerships
  - Developing a goods movement network
  - Addressing major issues on corridors
  - Improving data and integration of the freight network into Region’s transportation plan
  - Coordinating policies
  - Collaborating between stakeholders

- Peel Goods Movement Task Force established in 2009
- Goods Movement Strategic Plan (2012-2016) – identifies major goals of the goods movement program and a number of action items.
Next Steps

- Consider comments and finalize the Guidelines
- Release final guidelines Winter 2014